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**The Department of Housing and Community Development
Awards \$23.7 Million in Proposition 46 Funding to
Create Housing Opportunities in the Inland Empire**

(COACHELLA) – California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) Director Lynn L. Jacobs today was joined by Business, Transportation and Housing Agency Secretary Sunne Wright McPeak in announcing over \$23.7 million in Proposition 46 funds. The awards provide housing opportunities for 866 of California's hardworking families and neediest residents. Proposition 46 is the \$2.1 billion housing bond approved by voters in November 2002.

"When I became Governor, I ordered that Proposition 46 funding be expedited so homes and shelters could be built more quickly," said Gov. Schwarzenegger. "I am also proud to announce the first award of funds from my Initiative to End Chronic Homelessness. The award is given to a project in the city of Santa Cruz dedicated to helping chronically homeless individuals receive the shelter and services they need to regain a healthy and productive life. "The Initiative to End Chronic Homelessness offers \$40 million to assist homeless individuals and families transition to permanent, stable housing and lives.

"Gov. Schwarzenegger is committed to making affordable housing a reality for hardworking Californians and our neediest residents," said Secretary McPeak. "Today's awards will help 866 families or individuals achieve that dream while supporting local economies through construction related activities."

Awards were made through the following HCD programs:

- \$19.2 million in awards through the Multifamily Housing Program and its Supportive Housing Component will provide permanent low-interest loans for the construction of new affordable apartment homes and rehabilitation of existing affordable units. Californians who make up the vital workforce that is the backbone of our economy, including seniors, the disabled, homeless and those transitioning from homelessness, are among the future residents of the homes that will be constructed or rehabilitated. The awards will help 525 California families or individuals realize the dream of an affordable rental home.

- \$3.8 million in commitments through the Joe Serna, Jr. Farmworker Housing Grant Program which offers loans and grants for construction and rehabilitation of affordable owner-occupied and rental apartment homes for farm workers and their families with 96 dormitory spaces. These funds will help 50 farm worker families secure affordable housing. Activities funded include land acquisition, site development, construction and rehabilitation.
- \$500,000 is awarded through the Workforce Housing Reward Program which provides financial incentives to cities and counties for issuance of building permits for 177 new homes affordable to lower income households.
- \$100,000 through the CalHome Self-Help Technical Assistance Allocation (CHSHTAA) which awards funds for activities such as construction supervision and training, site and house plan selection, homeownership training and help with building permits and inspections for the development of 18 homes for low or very low income households using the hands-on self-help method of building their own homes.

“The awards announced today will help local communities remove regulatory barriers and increase homeownership,” said Director Jacobs. “They will also provide California’s essential workforce and their families the safe and affordable housing they urgently need to live and work in their communities.”

HCD provides leadership, policies and programs to preserve and expand safe and affordable housing opportunities and promote strong communities for all Californians. The Department also supports increasing the supply of housing, especially affordable housing and works to improve the state’s housing conditions and the health and safety of its residents. As the lead housing department, HCD is part of the state Business, Transportation and Housing Agency.

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Multifamily Housing Program (MHP)
Total Funds Awarded in the
Inland Empire Region

Project County	Project City	Project Name	Sponsor - Name	Total Amount of Awards	Total Homes
Riverside	Blythe; Blythe; Coachella	Sunrise, Sunset West, & Summerwood Apartments	Highland Property Development, LLC	\$5,074,789	150
Riverside	Desert Hot Springs	Casa del Sol I & II and Casa West	Highland Property Development, LLC	\$4,162,102	157
Riverside	La Quinta	La Quinta Dune Palms	Coachella Valley Housing Coalition	\$10,000,000	218

Total **\$19,236,891** **525**

Workforce Housing Reward Program
Total Funds Awarded in the Inland Empire Region

Project County	Project Jurisdiction	Total Award Amount	Total Affordable Units
Riverside	Cathedral City	\$20,497	3
Riverside	Coachella	\$203,623	30
Riverside	Hemet	\$48,922	18
Riverside	Palm Desert	\$93,209	36
San Bernardino	Ontario	\$49,916	21
San Bernardino	Rialto	\$103,500	69
Total		\$519,667	177

**CalHome Program
Self-Help Housing Technical Assistance Allocation
Total Funds Awarded in the Inland Empire Region**

Project County	Project City	Project Name	Sponsor - Name	Total Amount of Awards	Total Homes
Riverside	Desert Hot Springs	DH 7 & 8	Coachella Valley Housing Coalition	\$90,000	18
Total				\$90,000	18

**Joe Serna Jr. Farmworker Housing Grant Program
Total Funds Awarded in the Inland Empire Region**

Project County	Project City	Project Name	Sponsor - Name	Total Amount of Awards	Total Homes
Riverside	Mecca	Valencia Subdivision	Coachella Valley Housing Coalition	\$500,000	40
Riverside	North Shore (Mecca)	North Shore No. 4	Coachella Valley Housing Coalition	\$315,000	10
Total				\$815,000	50

**Joe Serna Jr. Farmworker Housing Grant Program – Migrant Farmworker Housing
Total Funds Awarded in the Inland Empire Region**

Project County	Project City	Project Name	Sponsor - Name	Total Amount of Awards	Total Homes	Dormitory Spaces
Riverside	Mecca	San Cristobal Migrant Housing	DACE	\$3,000,000		96
Total				\$3,000,000		96

		Total All Homes	Total Shelter Space	Incentive Units	Total Dormitory Spaces
Grand Total Awarded to the Inland Empire Region		\$23,661,558	593	0	177